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1. In source's opinion, the Korean War was entirely a Soviet idea because the Chinese Communists were not interfering in the affairs of North Korea in 1949-1950. The Chinese Communists were politically isolated at the time, the USSR had the total leadership, and the Chinese were having their own economic problems which occupied their full attention. The Chinese were not in a position to have close liaison with the Soviets until the USSR found itself in real trouble in Korea.
2. Source feels that the Chinese Communist attitude toward the Korean War did influence the Soviets to conclude that an end to the fighting in Korea was essential. The Chinese were fearful that the US would destroy their industrial centers in Manchuria, and they also wanted to dissipate the smell of a Third World War which was in the air at that time. Although source is not sure, he feels that world public opinion at that time might also have influenced both the Chinese Communists and the Soviets to come to this conclusion.

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